residential areas have been offered industrial plots for shifting their industries to Narela, Bawana and Badli Industrial Complexes on first come first served basis.

Device for saving sea turtle

4623. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has designed the Turtle Excuder Device (TED) for use in the coastal water, with a view to save the lives of the sea turtles;

(b) if so, the States where TED is being used;

(c) whether the TED has become useful to save the sea turtle from destruction; and

(d) the details of other methods which are being used to save the sea turtle from nets?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Government of Orissa have issued necessary notification under the Fisheries Act making use of Turtle Excluder Device (TED) mandatory in fishing nets. No other State has issued such notification.

(c) TED has been successfully used world over to avoid the mortality of the sea turtles as by catch in trawls during fishing. Its efficacy in India is yet to be established.

(d) No other methodology for saving turtles from being entangled in fishing nets is available in India.